

SENATE BILL 3607

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
62-6-119, relative to certain bid documents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-119, is hereby amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following in lieu thereof.

62-6-119.

(a) Any person or entity preparing plans, specifications or any other documentation for inclusion in an invitation to bid or comparable bid document including any electronic bidding documents, shall reference this chapter in such documentation and a specific statement informing the invited bidder that it is necessary for such bidder to provide evidence of compliance with the applicable provisions of this chapter before such bid may be considered.

(b) The person or entity involved in the preparation of the invitation to bid or comparable bid documents including any electronic bid documents shall direct that the name, license number, expiration date thereof, and license classification of the contractors applying to bid for the prime contract and for the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contracts, appear on the outside of the envelope containing the bid or in the submission of an electronic bid except when the bid is in an amount less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Only one (1) contractor in such classification may be listed. Prime contractor bidders who are to perform the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning must be so designated upon the outside of the envelope or in the electronic bid. Failure of any bidder to comply therewith shall void such bid and such bid shall not be considered. It is the duty and

responsibility of the awarding person or entity who received the envelope containing the bid or the electronic bid to verify only the completeness of the required licensure information. Prior to the opening of the envelope or acceptance of an electronic bid, the names of all contractors listed thereon or therein shall be read aloud at the official bid opening and incorporated into the bid. Prior to awarding a contract, the awarding person or entity and its authorized representatives shall verify the accuracy, correctness and completeness of the information required hereby. The failure of any bidder to comply with all of the provisions hereof shall automatically disqualify such bid. However, bids administered by the Tennessee department of general services shall require that the information be furnished within the bid or bid document only. When the bid is less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the name of the contractor only may appear on the outside of the envelope containing the bid or in the electronic bid document, and upon opening the envelope or review of the electronic bid, if such bid is in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the same shall automatically be disqualified.

(c) No invitation to bid may require that::

(1) Any subcontractor be identified, listed or designated until the final bid submission by the prime contractor; and

(2) Any prime contractor accept the bid of any subcontractor until the final bid submission by the prime contractor.

(d) Any person or entity, public and private, failing to observe this section shall be penalized in the same manner as any person under §62-8-120 who accepts a bid from a person who is not licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(e) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.